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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUN, VY

SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: CASE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ

REF: (A) STATE 215327 (B) MONTEVIDEO 4269 (C) MONTEVIDEO 4338

(1) MONTEVIDEO 4697

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. OCTOBER 4, MONTEVIDEO'S DAILIES PUBLISHED ANOTHER POLICE NOTICE (WITH PHOTOGRAPH) REGARDING THE CASE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ. ACCORDING TO NOTICE, (INVESTIGATIONS (PRESUMABLY BY POLICE) REVEALED THAT CASTRO LEFT URUGUAY ON SEPT. 22, ABOARD PLUNA FLIGHT 159 FROM MONTEVIDEO CARRASCO AIRPORT FOR BUENOS AIRES CITY AIRPORT (AEROPARQUE). NOTICE ADDED THAT CASTRO'S PERSONAL VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED.

2. THE NAME OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ WAS AMONG THOSE SUBMITTED ON SEPT 6 TO JOINT STAFF COL. CAMPS BY EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR DETAILS REGARDING HIS STATE OF HEALTH, PLACE OF DETENTION, AND STAGE OF JUDICIAL PROCESS (REF B). ON OCT. 5, THE AIR ATTACHE MET WITH COL. CAMPS AND AGAIN RAISED THE CASTRO CASE.

3. FINALLY, ON OCT. 21, THE DCM CONFRONTED CAMPS WITH

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FULL DETAILS ON CASTRO CASE. CAMPS BROUGHT OUT HIS FILE ON THE CASE, PRODUCED THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CLIPPING WITH A PHOTOGRAPH, AND ASKED IF THIS WAS THE JULIO PEREZ WE WERE LOOKING FOR. WHEN THE DCM REPLIED THAT IT WAS, CAMPS STATED, "WELL THEN, IF IT IS, THE ANSWER IS NO. WE DO NOT HAVE HIM, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIM." END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT LEAVE THE FATE OF JULIO CASTRO PEREZ SHROUDED IN A MYSTERY WHICH WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER UNEAVE. THE

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ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITIES
REGARDING CASTRO'S DISAPPEARANCE (REF D).

AND COL. CAMPS' DISCLAIMER TO THE DCM LEADS US TO
BELIEVE THAT CASTRO IS NOT HELD BY THE URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES.
WHETHER THE EXPLANATION IS THAT HE DIED WHILE IN DETENTION,
DISAPPEARED AS PART OF A PLAN TO EMBARRASS THE GOV, OR
YET ANOTHER, IS UNCLEAR. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE NO FURTHER
PATHS TO EXPLORE AT THIS MOMENT.

6. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND WOLA HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
THIS CASE.

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